



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 325**

February Session, 2014



**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID RECIPIENTS WITH COMPLEX MEDICAL NEEDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-278i of the 2014 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (a) Customized wheelchairs shall be covered under the Medicaid  
5 program only when a standard wheelchair does not meet an  
6 individual's needs as determined by the Department of Social Services.  
7 Wheelchair repairs and parts replacements may be subject to review  
8 and approval by the department. Refurbished wheelchairs, parts and  
9 components shall be utilized whenever practicable for purchases made  
10 as part of (1) the Department of Rehabilitation Services program  
11 established pursuant to section 17b-661, and (2) the Birth-to-Three  
12 program established pursuant to sections 17a-248 to 17a-248h,  
13 inclusive. The Department of Social Services may designate categories  
14 of durable medical equipment in addition to customized wheelchairs  
15 for which reused equipment, parts and components shall be utilized  
16 whenever practicable.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-278i(a)
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**HS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*